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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Cancelled)
- 7. (Currently amended) A method of tuning a drum, comprising:
 rotating a tension rod using a drum key that includes a shaft with a socket opening in one
 end and a handle connected to the shaft by a unidirectional bearing;

wherein the rotation of the tension rod further comprises:

inserting a portion of the tension rod inside the socket opening of the drum key;

holding the handle of drum key stationary; and

simultaneously rotating the shaft of the drum key.

8. - 10. (Cancelled)